

REMARKS

Claims 18-41 are pending. Claims 18-41 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) and Applicant cancels claims 20 and 25-41. Applicant appreciates the interview and the agreement that the addition of the following limitations overcome the rejections of the claims based upon the cited references:

“...determining ports of the multiple links to transmit the data transmission between the origin to the destination...” and “...determining an activity assignment for the ports of the multiple links based upon forwarding logic, wherein determining the activity assignment comprises determining the data frequency, traffic type, and medium type for the data transmission....”

Based upon these amendments, Applicant respectfully requests that the application advance toward issuance.

Applicant requests interview

Applicant respectfully requests an interview if it would expedite disposition of the application. The undersigned attorney would welcome and encourage a telephone conference with Examiner at (512) 391-4913.

Reservation of Rights

Applicant has canceled claims 20 and 25-41 from further consideration in this application. Applicant is not conceding in this application that those claims are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully traverses the claim rejections under 35 USC § 103 per our discussions based upon the indicated amendments. Accordingly, Applicant believes that this response constitutes a complete response to each of the issues raised in the Office action. In light of the accompanying remarks, Applicant believes that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Thus, Applicant requests that the rejections be withdrawn, pending claims be allowed, and application advance toward issuance.

A petition for an extension and authorization for the corresponding fees accompany this response. No other fees are believed due with this paper. However, if any fee is determined to be required, the Office is authorized to charge Deposit Account 09-0447 for any such required fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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